

III. Remarks

Reconsideration of this application in light of the above amendments and the following remarks is requested.

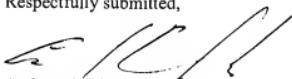
Claims 1-26 were originally filed in the present application. Claims 18-25 have been withdrawn without prejudice or disclaimer as the result of an earlier restriction requirement. Of the remaining claims, claims 1-8, 10-17 and 26 have been rejected. Claim 9 has been allowed. Claims 1-8, 10-17 and 26 have now been canceled.

As claim 9 has been previously allowed in the July 26, 2006 Office Action, and all other claims have now been canceled, Applicant respectfully submits that this application is now in condition for allowance.

IV. Conclusion

It is believed that all matters set forth in the Office Action have been addressed. Favorable consideration and an early indication of the allowability of the claims are respectfully requested. Should the Examiner deem that an interview with Applicants' undersigned attorney would expedite consideration, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,



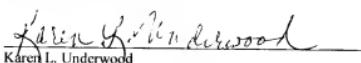
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